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Marta Young in Peru

Their work to empower people and communities in developing countries is a crucial contribution to creating a safe and prosperous world, building bridges between America and the world, and establishing a better future for people everywhere.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JOHN RAITT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of John Raitt, beloved father, husband, and internationally known stage and cinema artist, whose incredible baritone voice, passion for life and handsome presence transformed the darkened stage into a place that sparked with enchantment, energy and possibility.

Growing up in southern California, Mr. Raitt's deep, harmonious melodies captivated audiences in local venues, from church halls to community clubs. His rising star took flight in 1940, marking his professional debut as a chorus singer in "HMS Pinafore" with the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera. Although he had little operatic training, his voice was as inspiring and powerful as an operatic master. Even his auditions were riveting, as he rendered musical geniuses such as Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein speechless and inspired.

From premier roles in award-winning theatrical productions such as "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," and "Magdalena," to significant roles in major films such as "The Pajama Game," Mr. Raitt won the hearts of theater goers and critics alike. His love of music and his dedication to his audience never faded, nor did his personal and professional convictions. Mr. Raitt was a man of unwavering strength, kindness and integrity, and he offered everyone and every audience the same enthusiasm, energy and respect—whether playing in a small church hall or performing on a Broadway stage.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of John Raitt, whose gift of song and kind heart is a legacy that will rise forever in the hearts of his family and friends, and within the hearts of every person who heard him sing. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Rosemary; to his daughter Bonnie; to his sons, Steven and David; and to his many extended family members and friends. The gracious and joyous life of John Raitt will forever light our American musical landscape, and his invaluable gifts, reflected through song, stage and family, will be coveted for all time.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DERBY, CONNECTICUT'S CUB SCOUT PACK 3 AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many alumni, families, and community members who have gathered today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Derby, Connecticut's Cub Scout Pack 3. This is a tremendous milestone for this outstanding organization and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize the many invaluable contributions they have made to our community.

The legacy of Derby's Pack 3 begins with three Senior Patrol Leaders of Boy Scout Troop 3, who took on the challenge of creating a program for younger boys interested in Scouting. Because the Boy Scouts of America did not offer such a venue at the time, Manuel Pearson, Francis Barron, and Edmund Strang initially based their program on the English Cubbing program. Three years later, the Boy Scouts of America announced their intentions to adopt a new cubbing program and Pack 3 was officially registered as one of the country's first Cub groups. In fact, Cub Pack 3 has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America as the Nation's third oldest continuously running pack.

With participants ranging in age from eight to ten years old, the Cub Scouts program instills an invaluable life lesson in these youngsters—the value in serving their communities—a lesson that they will certainly carry with them through their adult and professional lives. From food drives and fundraisers to fire safety training and community activities, they have a direct and positive impact on the lives of others and their community.

It is not just the variety of programs and services these youngsters participate in throughout our community that makes Pack 3 so special. It is the scouting tradition that exists within the Pack itself. Generations of families have begun their scouting experience in Pack 3, with many alumni continuing to stay active in the Pack as adults by becoming committee members, webelos leaders, den leaders, and cubmasters. Just as an example, the eleven Pack 3 officers have an average thirty-three and a half years of service in cubbing. The dedication they have to this organization is a testament to the impact of their own Cub Scout experience.

The strength and longevity of Pack 3 would not be possible without the incredible leadership they have had throughout the course of their history. Founder Ed Strang was only a junior in high school when he first took on the cubbing program as a Senior Patrol Leader. As soon as he was able, Ed became the cubmaster—a position which he held for the better part of sixty-four years. When he was no longer able, Ed turned the reins over to current cubmaster Dan Cyrul who was himself an Eagle Scout with Troop 3. Though Ed is no

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longer with us, his commitment, generosity, and compassionate spirit will always be reflected in the good work of Pack 3.

Today, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary, alumni and community members will reflect on what Cub Scout Pack 3 has brought to this community and their own lives. Touching the lives of thousands, Pack 3 has left an indelible mark on the City of Derby and I have no doubt that this strong tradition will continue for generations to come. It is with great pride that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Derby's Cub Scout Pack 3 on their 75th anniversary and to extend my very best wishes for many more years of successful service to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR: TET, 2005—YEAR OF
THE ROOSTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2005—Year of the Rooster. To celebrate the hope and promise of the New Year, the members and leaders of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., will gather at St. Helena Catholic Church to rejoice with family and friends, enjoying Vietnamese culture and performances.

The Tet celebration will include recognition of community volunteers and leaders, and Vietnamese food, dancing and musical entertainment by the Vietnamese youth of Cleveland. Tet is the time of year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with family and friends, and celebrate the sense of good will and possibilities, rising like the first light of dawn.

This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. For nearly three decades, this vital coalition of culture has reflected unwavering commitment, service and community outreach to citizens of Vietnamese heritage. The Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland is a vibrant layer within the colorful fabric of our culturally diverse city—and the Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland, Inc. plays a significant role in preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders—from Vietnam to America.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and all members and leaders, past and present, for their dedication and support of Americans of Vietnamese heritage within our Cleveland community. As they celebrate the Vietnamese New Year, the Year of the Rooster, may they hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find happiness and peace with the dawning of each new day.

IN HONOR OF CARL KOCINA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Carl Kocina of Parma, Ohio, as we commemorate his February 20th birthday—some hundred years young—and still bowling strikes.

Mr. Kocina was born in Trieste, Austria, and arrived at Ellis Island as a young boy of seven. His family settled in Cleveland, and though far from their homeland, they kept alive the musical and cultural traditions of their beloved Austria. He taught himself to play the accordion, and with his brothers, formed the Kocina Trio. The Trio played for many years at social and family events.

Mr. Kocina was instilled with a strong work ethic—a philosophy that he maintains to this day. At 15, he started work in a local factory, and retired fifty years later as a supervisor of a plant that manufactured aircraft parts. Today, his active lifestyle reflects deep joy and energy, both on and off the bowling lanes. Mr. Kocina lives independently, and hones his culinary talents on a regular basis. He is surrounded by family and friends, especially his daughter, Florence Husbeck, granddaughter, Linda Butler, and great-grandson, Grant Butler.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Carl Kocina, as we celebrate his 100th birthday. Mr. Kocina continues to be an inspiration to everyone in his life—especially his family and friends. His energy, agility and joy for living serve to highlight the philosophy that life's possibilities and joys are within reach for every one of us, regardless of our chronological age. We wish him many blessings of continued health and happiness today, tomorrow, and for all days to come.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT
SHACKLETON**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a retiring Michigan state legislator for his service. State Representative Scott Shackleton has just completed his third and final term representing the 107th District of the Michigan House, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac, and Emmet Counties, as well as a part of Cheboygan County.

I appreciate Representative Shackleton's six years of service to the people of Northern Michigan. Like all of us who represent this rural part of the state, he has worked to make sure our region gets its fair share in his role as Chairman of the House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee.

I also want to mention Representative Shackleton's family. He and his wife Karen have two young sons, Henry and John. Each

of us who has served in public office when we have young children at home know the sacrifices that families make in order to represent our communities. I am sure that the Shackleton family has made those sacrifices, and they deserve our thanks as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Representative Shackleton for his service to the people of Northern Michigan, and in wishing him well as he leaves public life.

IN MEMORY OF MAGDALENO
SANCHEZ DUENAS**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous American, a man who was willing to give everything to this country, but who got far too little in return. Magdaleno Sanchez Duenas was born in Maasin, Philippines on May 27, 1914 into a large loving family with seven brothers and sisters. Mr. Duenas worked several jobs throughout the years, moving in 1937 to Davao City. There, in November 1941 on the eve of World War II, Mr. Duenas was asked to join the impending fight for freedom as a soldier in the U.S. Armed Forces. Mr. Duenas proudly joined the 101st Infantry.

To say Mr. Duenas fought bravely is an understatement. In 1943, he joined guerilla forces living in the mountains. He fought without shoes, living on a diet of "camote" (yams) and "lugaw" (rice porridge). On December 24, 1942, he was captured by the Japanese while gathering food for his fellow freedom fighters. He was immediately interrogated, yet he refused to relinquish any information that would reveal the hiding place of the guerilla forces. That night, Mr. Duenas managed to escape and return to his mountain hiding place. On April 4, 1943, Mr. Duenas helped engineer and carry out a rescue operation that freed ten American soldiers from captivity at the Davao Penal Colony. Mr. Duenas kept them fed and hidden and helped them rejoin the guerilla forces.

For his wartime heroism, Mr. Duenas deserved fame. Tragically, however, this was not why he came into the public eye. Mr. Duenas realized a life-long dream and immigrated to the United States, arriving in Richmond, California in 1992. It was upon his arrival in America that Mr. Duenas and 16 other Filipino American World War II veterans were held in virtual captivity by an abusive landlord who beat them, kept them chained, and fed them only dog food, all the while stealing their monthly Social Security checks. In December 1993, a group of Filipino American advocates discovered the heinous abuses and rescued Mr. Duenas and the other Filipino American heroes that were trapped with him.

During his final years, Mr. Duenas lived quietly in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. Those who knew him remember him with deep affection as an endearing companion with a knit cap, and a folding two-wheel cart to get around.

It is an equally tragic that Mr. Duenas and his other Filipino veterans still have never received full recognition from our government for their patriotism during World War II. In his final years, Mr. Duenas was featured in two documentaries and his story remains at the center of the battle for veteran Filipinos from our greatest generation. Sadly, Mr. Duenas did not live to see the story through to completion. He died this past weekend, on February 27th, at the age of ninety.

Mr. Speaker, since 1948 every Christmas Mr. Duenas received a token from General Schoefner, one of the ten soldiers he saved those many years ago. This simple, poignant gesture of gratitude is a reminder as Americans, we all owe this man and his comrades more than just a debt of gratitude. We owe them the promise of the full equity.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow more brave men like Mr. Duenas to die before we act on legislation introduced by my colleagues BOB FILNER and DUKE CUNNINGHAM, H.R. 302, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2005. This is the gift we owe to all Filipino veterans who fought along side U.S. soldiers during World War II.

HONORING ROBERT WARREN
PEARCE'S MILITARY SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Warren Pearce in honor of his service to our country during World War II.

Mr. Pearce was born in Terra Haute, Indiana, on November 20, 1921, as the younger of two sons of Mr. Owen Pearce, who is the son of immigrants from Wiesbaden, Germany.

At the age of 21, Mr. Pearce resigned from his duties on RDX and bomb development for Dupont and enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. He began cadet training in San Antonio, Texas; and rose to the rank of a First Lieutenant bombardier and gunnery officer on a B-17 in the 452nd Bomber Group of the 8th Air Force, stationed near Attleboro, England.

During World War II, he flew 25 missions as a Deputy Lead that involved the bombing of Wiesbaden, Germany, and food drops over Holland. His squadron also destroyed submarine pens, ammunition factories, and railroad marshalling yards in Berlin. When his bomber crew returned to the United States, Mr. Pearce stayed on in England to teach X Box Navigation and flew additional missions with a new crew.

After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps, Mr. Pearce joined the Reserves where he served until 1957. He married Mary Jane Powers and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he lived for 48 years; and as a successful independent businessman, Robert and Mary Jane Powers raised four sons who shared pride in their father's service to our Nation. Mr. Pearce now resides in Ormond Beach, where he currently courageously battles Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Speaker, because of Mr. Pearce's dedication to our country, I want to take this opportunity to recognize his war service, and ask